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7	CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION, sued and served herein as DOE 1				
8 9 10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
11 12	ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA	CASE NO. 08 CV 0879 W WMC			
13 14	NATOLI and BARBARA NATOLI individuals, Plaintiffs, vs.	NOTICE TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF REMOVAL OF ACTION; DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL			
15 16 17	TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC., and DOES 1-100, inclusive, Defendants.	[28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and (b)] (Diversity) [Filed Concurrently With Notice of			
18 19 20		Joinder and Notice of Interested Parties]			
21	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS				
22	CORPORATION (hereinafter referred to as "FREIGHTLINER") hereby removes to this				
23	Court the state action described below:				
24	1. On November 29, 2007, plaintiffs ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA				
25	NATOLI ("plaintiffs") commenced an action in the Superior Court of the State o				
26	California, County of San Diego, entitled	d Roland Natoli and Barbara Natoli v. Tiffin			

Motor Homes, Inc. and Does 1 through 100, inclusive, Case No. 37-2007-00082477-CU-

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- On or about December 7, 2007, plaintiffs served defendant TIFFIN MOTOR 2. HOMES, INC. ("TIFFIN") with Summons and Complaint.
 - 3. In March of 2008, plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint.
- 4. On or about March 17, 2008, plaintiffs filed an Amendment to Complaint designating FREIGHTLINER as "DOE 1." However, plaintiffs did not serve FREIGHTLINER with the DOE Amendment until April 22, 2008.
- 5. On or about April 22, 2008, plaintiffs served FREIGHTLINER with Summons, the DOE Amendment, and the First Amended Complaint. True and correct copies of the Summons, DOE Amendment, and First Amended Complaint are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A.
- FREIGHTLINER filed an Answer to the First Amended Complaint on May 6. 16, 2008 in the above-entitled state court action. A true and correct copy of the Answer is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit B.
- This action is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1332, in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441(a), FREIGHTLINER may remove this action to this court.
- Diversity is established when an action "is between citizens of different 8. States." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1), "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of any State by which it has been incorporated and of the State where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. §1332(c)(1).
- At all times relevant to this action and removal, plaintiffs have been citizens 9. of California.
- 10. At all times relevant to this action and removal, corporate defendant TIFFIN has been a citizen of Alabama. TIFFIN was incorporated in Alabama in 1991 and its principal place of business is Alabama. TIFFIN's manufacturing plant and home office are located in Alabama. TIFFIN conducts the bulk of its business and is most noticeably

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present in Alabama. TIFFIN has joined in this Notice of Removal of Action as indicated in the Notice of Joinder filed concurrently herewith.

- 11. At all time relevant to this action and removal, corporate defendant and removing party FREIGHTLINER has been a citizen of Delaware (state of incorporation) and South Carolina (principal place of business). FREIGHTLINER was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1995. FREIGHTLINER's manufacturing plant, corporate office, employees, officers, directors, and bank accounts are located in South Carolina. FREIGHTLINER conducts the bulk of its business and is most noticeably present in South Carolina.
- 12. Plaintiffs have not named or served any other defendants in this action, nor have any other defendants appeared in this action to date. The remaining "DOE" defendants are wholly fictitious and sham parties against whom no relief is, or could be, sought in this action. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), this Court should disregard the citizenship of any defendant sued under this fictitious name.
- 13. It is apparent from the face of the First Amended Complaint that plaintiffs seek recovery of an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, exclusive of costs and interests. Plaintiffs allege they purchased a motor vehicle that suffered from nonconformities which substantially impaired its use. As a result of said nonconformities, plaintiffs seek replacement of the vehicle or restitution in the following amounts: (1) down payment of \$13, 500; (2) trade-in of \$4, 900; (3) payments in the total amount of \$18, 107.04 as of December 2007 and continuing at the rate of \$1, 131. 69 per month; (4) registration fees in the amount of \$1, 048; and (5) pay off of the loan on the vehicle in the amount of \$165, 490.11. Plaintiffs also seek civil penalties available under the California Song-Beverly Act, Civil Code § 1790 et seq. and attorney's fees. (See Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, ¶ 10, attached hereto as Exhibit A.)
- 14. FREIGHTLINER has, therefore, met its burden of showing a reasonable probability that the amount in controversy satisfies the federal jurisdictional amount.

1	15. This petition is filed with this court within one year of the filing of the action				
2	in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (b).				
3	16. The United States District Court for the Southern District of California				
4	embraces the county in which the state court action is now pending. Therefore, this action				
5	is properly removed to the Southern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C.				
6	93(a)(1).				
7	17. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), true and correct copies of process, pleading				
8	and orders served by or upon FREIGHTLINER in the state court action are attached a				
9	Exhibits A and B, and generally as "remainder of state court action.				
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11	Pursuant to Federal Rule of	f Civil Procedure 38, defendant FREIGHTLINER			
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14	DATED: May 16, 2008	Respectfully submitted,			
15		MURCHISON & CUMMING, LLP			
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17		By: Richard C. Moreno			
18		Anastasia K. Mazzella Attorneys for Defendant, FREIGHTLINER			
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ON FIRST SUMMONS AMENDED COMPLAINT (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC., a Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA NATOLI

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a comprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Solf-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfholp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles logales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue une copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respueste por escrito liene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no

puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no prosenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte la podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que lleme a un abogado inmediatmente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios la contra de un abogado de contra de un abogado. legales gratuitos do un programa de servicios logales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.fawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortea de California, (www.courtinlo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA NATOLI.

Plaintiffs.

TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC., a Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

Defendants.

CASE NO: 37-2007-00082477-CU-MC-CTL

Judge: William R. Nevitt, Jr.

Dept. C-64

Complaint Filed: November 29, 2007

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION AND DAMAGES (Song-Beverly)

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION SONG-BEVERLY ACT (All Defendants)

PLAINTIFFS ALLEGE:

- 1. Plaintiffs ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA NATOLI (hereinafter "Plaintiffs") are, and at all times mentioned herein were, married individuals and buyers or lessees of a consumer good or new motor vehicle as defined in Civil Code Section 1790 et seq...
- Defendant TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC. (hereinafter "Defendant TIFFIN") is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a corporation qualified to do business in, and doing business in, the State of California, and a manufacturer or distributor of consumer goods as defined in Civil Code Section 1790 et seq..
 - 3. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as

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Does I through 100 and therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same becomes known to them. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of said fictitiously named Defendants is responsible in some manner for Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged.

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- 4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of the defendants named herein was the agent or employee of each of the other defendants named herein and in doing those things hereinalleged was acting within the course and scope of said agency or employment.
- 5. On or about August 3, 2006, Plaintiffs purchased a 2006 Allegro Bay Recreational Vehicle, VIN 4UZACLBW26CX60514, manufactured or distributed by Defendant TIFFIN (hereinafter "the Vehicle") for which Defendant TIFFIN made one or more express warranties. The Vehicle was a consumer good or new motor vehicle, as defined in Civil Code 1790 et seq.. Attached hereto, for reference only, and marked "Exhibit A" is one of said express warranties.
- 6. Sometime after purchase, and within the warranty period, the Vehicle began to suffer from nonconformities which substantially impaired the use, value, or safety of the new motor vehicle to Plaintiffs. The nonconformities (hereinafter "the nonconformities") include, but are not limited to, the following: defective leveler jack, defective slideouts, defective engine, defective turbo hose clamp, defective DVD player, defective carpet, defective doors, defective vents, defective tow harness, defective wall paneling, defective radio, defective shower, defective windows, defective chassis charge air cooler.
- 7. Each of the foregoing defects was covered by one or more express warranties made by Defendant TIFFIN, including, but not limited to, Exhibit A.
- 8. Within the past four years, Plaintiffs delivered the Vehicle to Defendant TIFFIN's service and repair facility within the County of San Diego, for service or repair of the nonconformities.
- 9. Despite a reasonable number of attempts, and despite more than 30 days out of service, Descndant TIFFIN's service and repair facility has been unable to service or repair the

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27 Diego, CA 92101 (19) 237-7646 28 Vehicle to conform to the express warranty or warranties given by Defendant TIFFIN.

- 10. As a result, Plaintiffs are entitled to replacement of the Vehicle, or restitution, in the following amounts: down payment of \$13,500, trade-in of \$4,900, payments in the total amount of \$18,107.04 as of December, 2007 and continuing at the rate of \$1,131.69 per month, 2008 registration in the amount of \$1,048.00 and continuing annually, and pay off of the loan on the Vehicle in the approximate amount of \$165,490.11. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege said amounts more particularly when they become known to them, or according to proof at the time of trial.
- 11. As a further result, Plaintiffs have incurred incidental damages in an amount as yet unascertained. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege said amount when it becomes known to them, or according to proof at the time of trial.
- 12. As a further result, Plaintiffs have incurred consequential damages in an amount as yet unascertained. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege said amount when it becomes known to them, or according to proof at the time of trial.
- 13. Defendant TIFFIN willfully failed to promptly repurchase or replace the Vehicle when request was made therefor, and Plaintiffs are entitled thereby to a civil penalty in the amount of twice Plaintiffs' actual damages.
- 14. Plaintiffs have incurred attorney's fees and costs in bringing the within action pursuant to Civil Code Section 1790 et seq., in amount as yet unascertained. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege said amount when it becomes known to them, or according to proof at the time of trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. Replacement of the Vehicle or restitution;
- 2. Incidental damages according to proof;
- 3. Consequential damages according to proof;
- 4. Civil penalty;
- 5. Attorney's fees;

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6.	Costs	of	suit:

- 7. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the lawful rate; and,
- 8. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: March 5, 2008

SOHN & ASSOCIATES

DOUGLAS C. SOHN Attorney for Plaintiffs

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

PART I. NEW VEHICLE BASIC WARRANTY

- 1. COVERAGE TO PURCHASER. This limited warranty (Limited Warranty) applies to the first purchaser (Purchaser) and does not apply to an owner other than the Purchaser. This Limited Warranty also does not apply to any rental or leased unit, or to any unit used in whole or in part for a commercial purpose.
- 2. WARRANTY PERIOD AND REMEDIES. Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc. (Tiffin) warrants that the portions of the vehicle which Tiffin manufactures or assembles shall be free from defect (Defect) in material and workmanship for the period beginning on the date of purchase and continuing for one (1) year from the date of purchase, or twelve thousand (12,000) miles, whichever occurs first (the Warranty Period). The date of purchase shall be the date that the vehicle is delivered to you.

In the event of a covered Defect during the Warranty Period, Tiffin will repair the defect or, at its option, replace parts as necessary at no charge to Purchaser, except for the items which are specifically excluded below. These are Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedies. This Limited Warranty applies only to the covered portion of the vehicle and any of its parts supplied or manufactured by Tiffin, which are defective at the time of purchase or become defective during normal use during the Warranty Period. The Defect must occur under normal use of the vehicle during the Warranty Period.

This warranty does not apply to items and parts not manufactured or supplied by Tiffin, nor to items purchased, manufactured or installed outside the Tiffin's factory. Except as provided in this Warranty, the entire risk as to the quality and performance of the vehicle is with the Purchaser.

3. ITEMS COVERED. This warranty covers the steel or aluminum frame super structure including wall paneling, decor board, headliner, foam insulation, fiberglass skin, rubber roof, and all other parts of the Hydra-Vac walls and roof. This warranty also covers the following list of equipment, some of which may also come with warranties from their respective manufacturers;

Air Conditioner (dash) Air Conditioner (roof) T.V. Antenna Converter (110-12V) Water Pump Fumace L.P. Gas Bottle Power Range Hood Pre-finished Panaling Range Refrigerator Sink Stereo Vacuum Cleaner Showerhead L.P Gas Valves Interior and Exterior

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110 West C St State 1300 in Dego, CA 92101 28 (619) 237-7646 I declare that I am employed in the County of San Diego, State of California, that I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action, and that my business address is 110 W. C Street, Suite 1300, San Diego, CA 92101.

I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Under that practice, it would, in the ordinary course of business, be deposited, with first class postage fully prepaid thereon, with the United States Postal Service that same day pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013a. I am aware that on a motion of party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing affidavit.

On March 5, 2008, I served the foregoing FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION AND DAMAGES on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows, for collection and mailing on that date, following ordinary business practices:

Matthew M. Proudfout, Esq. GATES, O'DOHERTY, GONTER & GUY 15635 Alton Parkway, Suite 260 Irvine, CA 92618

I. declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 5th day of March, 2008, at San Diego, California.

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Richard C. Moreno (SBN 190869) Anastasia K. Mazzella (SBN 245201) MURCHISON & CUMMING, LLP 801 South Grand Avenue, 9th Floor 3 | Los Angeles, California 90017-4613 Telephone: (213) 623-7400 Facsimile: (213) 623-6336 E-Mail: rmoreno@murchisonlaw.com amazzella@murchisonlaw.com 5 Attorneys for Defendant, FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION, sued and served herein as DOE 1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO** 9 10 ROLAND NATOLI and BARBARA CASE NO. 37-2007-00082477-CU-MC-11 CTL NATOLI individuals. 12 ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED Plaintiffs. COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF 13 FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS VS. CORPORATION 14 TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC., and Assigned to Hon. William R. Nevitt, Jr., DOES 1-100, inclusive, 15 Dept. C-64 Defendants. 16 Action Filed: November 29, 2007 None Set Trial Date: 17 18 Defendant FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION, for itself and itself 19 alone, in answer to plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint ("Complaint") on file herein, admits, denies and alleges as follows: 21 **GENERAL DENIAL** 22 By virtue of and pursuant to the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure section 23 431.30, this answering defendant generally and specifically denies each and every, all and singular, conjunctively and disjunctively, allegation contained in said Complaint, and each and 25 every part thereof, and each and every cause of action thereof, and further specifically denies 26 that plaintiff has been injured or damaged in the sum alleged, or in any other sum, or at all, by 27 reason of any carelessness, negligence, act or omission of this answering defendant. 28

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

2. As a first and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that each cause of action is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

3. As a second and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that each of the causes of action fails to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against this answering defendant.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. As a third and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs are barred from proceeding with said causes of action for failure to provide the requisite notice to defendant regarding their warranty claims.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. As a fourth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs lack standing to sue and are not in privity with defendant.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. As a fifth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs and/or their agents acted negligently, recklessly, or intentionally in and about the matters alleged herein and to the extent that plaintiffs seek recovery for the alleged negligence, reckless and/or intentional acts and/or omissions of this answering defendant, recovery should be offset to the extent of plaintiffs' own negligent, reckless, and/or intentional actions and/or omissions.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. As a sixth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs' damages, if any, were proximately caused by the negligent, reckless, or intentional acts of third parties as to whom this answering defendant had neither the right nor the duty nor the opportunity to exercise control and who acted without the knowledge, participation, approval, or ratification of this answering defendant.

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SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. As a seventh and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs are guilty of unreasonable delay in filing suit herein, which delay has caused prejudice to this answering defendant and that, therefore, this action is barred by laches.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. As an eighth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs are barred from asserting each and every purported cause of action in the complaint by reason of plaintiffs and their agents having ratified, consented, and approved the alleged wrongful acts and/or omissions of this answering defendant.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

10. As a ninth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs are equitably estopped from asserting each and every purported cause of action in the complaint by reason of the acts, the omissions, and conduct of plaintiffs and/or certain of their agents upon which this answering defendant relied to its prejudice and detriment.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

11. As a tenth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs are barred from recovering on each and every purported cause of action by reason of waiver.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

12. As an eleventh and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges plaintiffs are barred from recovering on each and every purported cause of action by virtue of their unclean hands.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

13. As a twelfth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that all of plaintiffs' causes of action are barred because plaintiffs and/or their

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agents had the opportunity to and did fully inspect the product in question and approved of the condition of the product.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

14. As a thirteenth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs could have, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, limited or prevented their damages, if any, as a result of the alleged wrongful acts set forth in the complaint and that they have failed or refused to do so. Such failure or refusal on the part of plaintiffs constitute a failure to mitigate their damages.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

15. As a fourteenth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that plaintiffs were, at all times, fully apprised of all material facts regarding each and every act alleged in the complaint and that plaintiffs acted or refrained from acting with the full knowledge of all circumstances.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

16. As a fifteenth and separate affirmative defense to the complaint, this answering defendant alleges that all of the work allegedly performed by defendant was performed in a workmanlike manner, which was performed in accordance with all applicable codes, ordinances, and regulations, and was approved by all applicable municipal agencies.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

17. As a sixteenth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that the damages allegedly sustained by plaintiffs were the proximate result of plaintiffs' or others' misuse of the product or subsequent modification, repair and/or maintenance of the product involved.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

18. As a seventeenth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that all events, happenings, and damages, if any, as set forth in the complaint were the result of an unforeseeable Act of God.

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EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As an eighteenth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 19. alleges that defendant's product was duly inspected, approved and accepted by the plaintiffs, their agents and duly authorized representatives, payment(s) was/were made pursuant to the terms and conditions of any contracts between said persons and this defendant.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a nineteenth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 20. alleges that the losses and damages allegedly sustained by plaintiffs, if any, were proximately caused by the intervening and superseding acts of others, which intervening and superseding acts bar and/or diminish plaintiffs' recovery, if any, against this answering defendant.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twentieth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges 21. that, prior to and at the time of the sale herein, there was attached to the goods a conspicuous writing which clearly informed the buyer in simple and concise language that the goods were being sold pursuant to a limited warranty which is limited to repair and replacement of conditions and/or components covered under the warranty; that the entire risk as to the quality and performance of the goods was with the buyer; and that should the goods prove defective following their purchase, the buyer and not the manufacturer, distributor or retailer assumed the entire cost of all necessary servicing or repair. As a result, defendant effectively disclaimed any implied warranties, including, but not limited to, recovery of consequential damages, the implied warranty of merchantability and implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose, and by that sale plaintiff effectively waived any such warranty.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-first and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 22. alleges that any defect or nonconformity of which the plaintiffs complain in this matter was proximately caused by the unauthorized or unreasonable use of the goods by the plaintiffs following sale and delivery thereof by defendant to plaintiffs.

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TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-second and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 23. alleges that the component parts which are alleged to have been defective were not expressly warranted by this responding party. Therefore, plaintiffs are barred from seeking express warranty damages against this responding party.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-third and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 24. alleges that plaintiffs' cause of action for breach of express warranty and incidental and consequential damages is barred by the express disclaimers and limitations of liability contained in the alleged express warranties made by this defendant.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-fourth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 25. alleges that because of plaintiffs' continued use of the vehicle, plaintiffs have waived their right to seek restitution or rescission-type damages against defendant as a matter of law.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-fifth and separate affirmative defense, this answering defendant 26. alleges that plaintiffs have failed to provide defendant with a reasonable opportunity to repair the vehicle, thereby waiving any claim for damages.

DATED: May 16, 2008

MURCHISON & CUMMING, LLP

By:

Richard C. Moreno Anastasia K. Mazzella

Attorneys for Defendant, FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION, sued and served herein as DOE 1

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United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

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Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.

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 U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
 Brief Description:
 Unauthorized reception of cable service
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Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

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